

## REFUSES TO ARBITRATE STEEL STRIKE



E.H. GARY TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, in his statement to the Senate committee says that he will not meet any workmen's representatives and advocates federal regulation of concentrated capital and combined labor. He declares that unions are a menace to the country and refuses to arbitrate the steel strike. Continuing, he said: "We put ourselves squarely upon the issue that this is a question of the open or closed shop. Now, as to what will bring about the closed shop we must decide from time to time, depending upon the facts presented. At the present time the union leaders have brought about this strike, which is no more or less than an attempt of a minority to secure control of the interests of the large majority, including not only the employers but the employees."

## CUPID VERSUS SCHOOL BOARD

County School Authorities Tired Of Running Matrimonial Bureau

The Silver Lake Leader quotes a member of the local school board as follows: "We are getting tired of running a matrimonial bureau. With the exception of two, and apparently they were mortgaged, every miss who has taught in our schools for the past twenty years has married at the end of the first year, or was engaged and taught the second year with only one end in view—her wedding outfit."

The problem of the Silver Lake School Board is not, however, a new one. There are some 750,000 school teachers in the United States, and the average experience of all of them is only a fraction over three years. It is true that many teachers have taught the better part of a lifetime, but this only emphasizes the brevity of tenure of teachers as a class. There must be a vast number who teach much less than three years to bring down the average of the whole.

We can think of no way to bring relief, nor do we wish to appear to discourage matrimony. Silver Lake is only one of many country school districts which have complained of a similar state of affairs. But sometimes the districts do not complain. There is on file in the archives of one county school superintendent in Oregon a historically interesting letter from a local trustee in which the latter sets forth the desired qualifications of a teacher he wishes assigned to the district. He mentions educational matters, but only incidentally. He places stress on age, and comeliness, and so forth, and on certain other characteristics obviously more matrimonial than scholastic. In this instance, apparently, some one was looking for a wife, and it is a compliment to teachers as a group that his thoughts turned to this as a possible supply.

There is another and classical anecdote about a woman from a distant state, who in the pioneer days made written application to a rural board for a position, and to whom the trustees replied that they had decided to employ no more women, for the same reason indicated in the complaint now made at Silver Lake. The applicant, being under no illusions as to her pulchritude, and possessing a sense of humor, counter-acted with her photograph. Whereupon she got the job, a director remarking that at last the district was "safe." But, alas! for the plans of men, she, too, found a husband before the term ended. The wit and the modesty which got her the job as teacher outweighed those other and less consequential features which are only skin deep. And the incident illustrates the point that if Cupid sets out to have his way no country school board is ever going to be a match for him.

The institution of matrimony is much more ancient than the public schools, or even as the law itself. It has a long, running start over every other institution of which we know. It will be conceded by those who know school ma'ams that those who choose them as wives are wise, which being true we do not know what school directors are going to do about it. Silver Lake is only one of some thousands of districts in America which are trying earnestly to solve the problem, but are not solving it, and will not solve it, while grass grows and water runs. Not always intentionally, but nevertheless actually, the country school is the greatest matrimonial agency in the land.—Oregonian.

## LETTER RETURNS AFTER THREE YEARS

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## The Business Outlook

OPTIMISM GROWS IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS—NATION WATCHES INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE WITH UNDIVIDED INTEREST—COAL MOVEMENT LARGE.

(Business Feature Service.)

The president's recovery and settlement of the British railroad strike created optimism in business circles. Loss of presidential leadership would have meant uncertainty and possible disorder. In England the government, by forcing the strikers to recede from their untenable position, demonstrated that its power is, and shall remain, greater than the power of any single group. The settlement was in the nature of a compromise, and will influence the American strike movement, tending to moderate the extreme demands of labor.

The nation is watching the industrial conference at Washington with undivided interest. Some critics scoff and venture a prediction that it will end in useless wrangles, but a majority think otherwise. The moment's pressing need is for a program of increased production upon which both capital and labor can unite, together with provision for just profit-sharing and, it may be, for limited participation in management by the employee.

Less than three months remain before the railroad will return to private hands, if present plans are carried out. Many plans are in the Congressional hopper, but opinion has not crystallized in favor of any one as yet. The steel mills report operations steadily increasing for the most part. Earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the third quarter are expected to exceed the second quarter, owing to increased production. The strike came late in September and will have only minor influence. Stocks have been aggressive and buoyant.

During the week ended September 27 Pennsylvania Lines East loaded

24,150 cars of bituminous coal, 1000 cars above their previous high record. New incorporations for September involve the enormous sum of \$1,945,000,000, a new high record for all time, according to the Journal of Commerce.

## THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY

LONDON, England.—The freedom of the City of London, with which the Prince of Wales was presented recently, is one of the most cherished and ancient of civic privileges. The actual document, given to his royal highness is a piece of parchment inscribed with his names and titles and guaranteeing to him and his descendants many privileges to which he would not otherwise be entitled. Thus he will not have to pay a tax on any goods brought within the city gates, nor will he have to render naval or military service. Should he fall on evil times the Prince of Wales would be entitled to pecuniary aid.

## MADE MILLIONS FROM PAGEANTS

LONDON.—It is learned that Imre Kiralfy, organizer of pageants and spectacular plays, who recently died at Brighton, left a fortune of \$2,000,000. It is stated that he realized a total return of \$2,750,000 from the colossal pageants he produced mostly in America and abroad. One pageant shown at the World's Fair at Chicago, brought in about \$1,000,000. A statement issued here says this is the largest total of receipts in the history of opera, drama, spectacle and pageantry.

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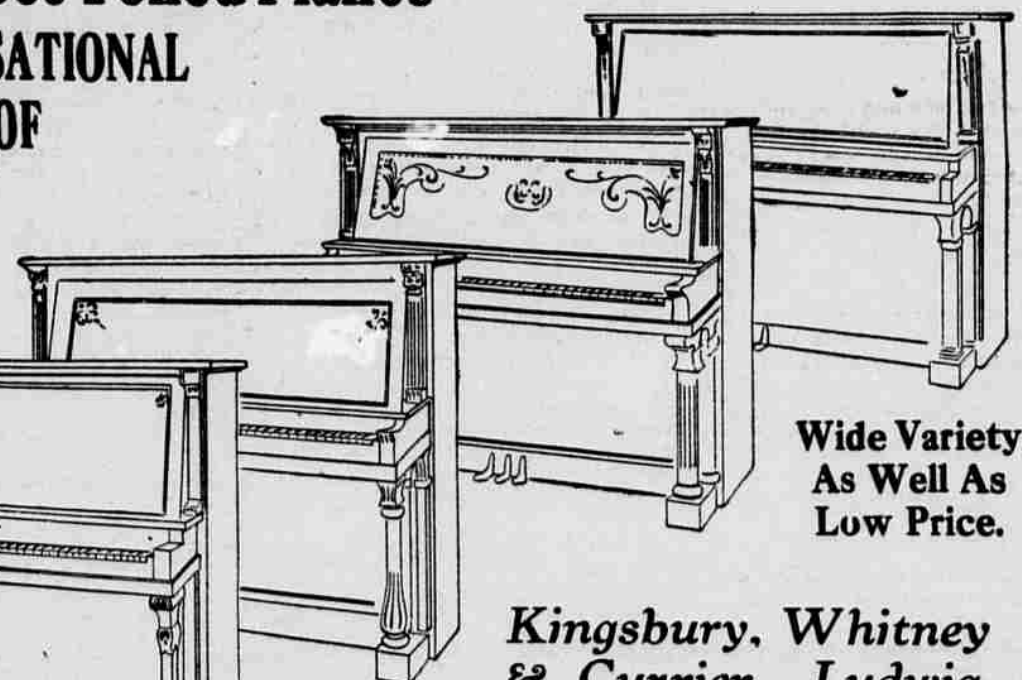
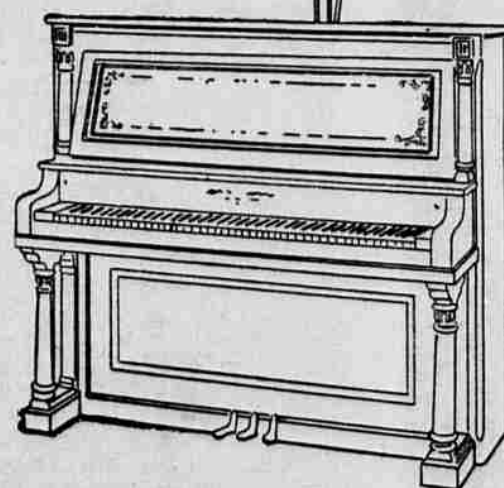
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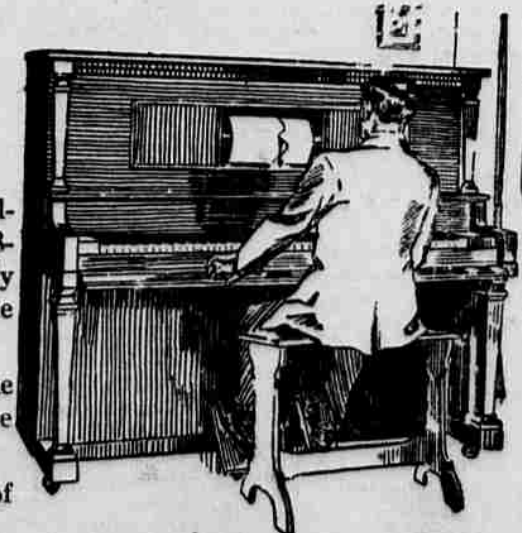
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